SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASBESTOS LITIGATION

LOUIS & ANN PAIGE,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

AO SMITH WATER PRODUCTS, et al

Defendant(s).

Docket No: L-829-14 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER VI

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *October 19*, *2016*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	Rachel Placitella	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Ronald S. Suss	Union Carbide; CertainTeed
Gibbons PC	Ethan Stein	Honeywell
Kelley Jasons	Angela Caliendo	FMC; Square D
Leader & Berkon	Christine Bucca	IMO Industries
Segal McCambridge	Stephanie DeVos	BW/IP, Inc.

IT IS on this 24th day of October, 2016 effective from the conference date;

# ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to *R*.1:5-2.

#### **DISCOVERY**

November 30, 2016 Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's

counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact

discovery is not completed.

# **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

January 20, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 17, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

## MEDICAL DEFENSE

March 31, 2017 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical expert reports, if

any, by this date. In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.

#### **LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS**

December 30, 2016 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a

certified expert statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability

expert testimony.

March 31, 2017 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if

any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

#### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

April 21, 2016 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and

defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce

documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

# PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

April 13, 2017 @ 10:00am Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority

to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone. Any request to be excused from the settlement conference shall be made to the Special Master no later than

4:00pm of the day prior to the conference.

May 22, 2017 Trial Date.

Plaintiff(s) counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.

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